BY: **DEBORAH LIME**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R.3352 – MIDWIVES FOR MAXIMIZING OPTIMAL MATERNITY SERVICES (MOMS) ACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, maternal mortality rates in the United States are higher than any other developed nation and are not improving; and

WHEREAS, 35% of U.S. counties have no maternity care services, and an additional 11% have limited access; and

WHEREAS, Midwives are underutilized in the U.S. health system due in part to a shortage of preceptors and clinical sites to train midwifery students; and

WHEREAS, Midwives are educated in fewer years and at a lower cost when compared to obstetricians; and

WHEREAS, House of Representatives 3352 Act will establish two new funding streams for midwifery education in both the Title VII Health Professions Training Programs and the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs; and

WHEREAS, funds would be directed toward students who plan to practice in a maternity care provider care shortage area and/or are from underrepresented minority groups, preceptors who train midwifery students, and the establishment or expansion of midwifery education programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

- Section 1. That the Council and the Administration of the City of Parma hereby support H.R. 3352 (MOMS) Act, Maximizing Optimal Maternity Services.
- Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to The American College of Nurse-Midwives and to U.S. Representatives Marcy Kaptur and Anthony Gonzalez.
- Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.
- Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary to show support of H.R. 3352, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:	
	PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:	APPROVED:
CLERK OF COUNCIL	
FILED WITH	
THE MAYOR:	
	MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO